

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
**NICK LALOTA**  
NEW YORK'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Tuesday, April 25th, 2023**

Dear {{prefix}} {{lastname}},

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Here you will be able to learn more about my work in Washington and at home serving Long Islanders.

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## **TOWNHALL**

On Wednesday, I hosted a telephone town hall to hear directly from fellow Suffolk County residents. We had a rewarding 45-minute discussion and I appreciated hearing questions and concerns from Long Islanders. I was thrilled to see over 15,000 folks listen in from every corner of the First District.

After giving a brief update on my work thus far in Congress, I took questions on a wide range of issues, including abortion, the cyberattack on the Suffolk County government, energy, issues at the Northport VA, security at our schools and at the border.

If you missed this week's telephone townhall, you can hear the entire recording [HERE](#).

If you would like to sign up to be notified and participate in future town halls, click [HERE](#).



## **VOTES**

With my support, Congress passed critical legislation to uphold the integrity of Title IX, stand up

to China and Russia, keep Americans safe, and support Law Enforcement.

[H.R. 734](#), the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act would allow women and girls a fair playing field in sports by ensuring school athletics comply with the Title IX recognition of a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth. This bill ensures biological females compete against other biological females in women's sports that are operated, sponsored, or facilitated by a recipient of federal funding. As the father of three young girls, all of whom play sports, and the husband of a former Division I women's lacrosse player, I understand the important opportunities and protections given to them under Title IX. It is sad to see some people in this country want to erase the history and struggle that led to Title IX's creation and landmark protections for women and girls. I am proud to vote in support of this common-sense legislation to protect the rights of not only my own daughters but young girls around the country.

[H.R. 1149](#), the Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Abroad Act would investigate and respond to security vulnerabilities caused by Chinese telecommunications companies in U.S. embassies overseas and among U.S. collective defense allies. For far too long, the world has stood by as Chinese telecoms giants operated as vehicles for the Chinese Communist Party to commit horrific human rights violations against the Uyghur people, conduct mass surveillance and espionage, and supply technology to other repressive regimes around the world.

[H.R. 1151](#), the Upholding Sovereignty of Airspace Act would hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for the violation of U.S. sovereignty with its high-altitude surveillance balloon. We need to take threats from China seriously and take appropriate action to keep our homeland safe and protect our national security interests.

[H.Res. 240](#), would condemn hostile actions taken by Russia after they shot down an American drone flying in international airspace over the Black Sea. Russia has long been hostile towards the U.S. and acted irresponsibly and recklessly. We cannot sit back as Russia takes aggressive action against the United States. This resolution is a small step in the right direction.

[H.J.Res. 42](#), would disapprove of the D.C. Council's anti-Law Enforcement legislation. For the second time this Congress, House Republicans have successfully overturned dangerous anti-Law Enforcement legislation pushed by the far-left D.C. City Council. After losing almost 1,200 officers over the last two years due to the Council's legislation, the Metropolitan Police Department continues to operate in an officer deficit amidst the District's chaotic crime crisis. In D.C. and New York, we need our politicians to support Law Enforcement and work to make sure all Americans are safe in their communities.

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

It was a busy week for committee work as we had multiple Armed Services, Homeland Security, and Small Business Committee meetings.



At the Armed Services Committee, I first questioned witnesses on national security challenges in the Indo-Pacific. This hearing was especially important to me since I served in the region during my time in the Navy and was able to question Huntington native, Walt Whitman HS grad, and fellow Naval Academy graduate [Admiral John “Lung” Aquilino](#). Admiral Aquilino is the Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and provided valuable insight on China, North Korea, Taiwan, and his favorite spots in Suffolk County.

You can watch my questions [HERE](#).



At another Armed Services hearing, I was able to question witnesses on the current status and operations of rotary wing aviation systems. As a former helicopter control officer and tactical action officer, I understand the importance of these helicopters to maintaining readiness. I was also able to bring up challenges facing the 106th Rescue Wing, who I recently visited in

Westhampton Beach.

You can watch my questions [HERE](#).

At the Homeland Security Committee, I questioned Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on several topics related to border security, including illegal crossings, fentanyl deaths, and got aways. The Secretary refused to DIRECTLY answer any of my questions during my five minutes. His inaction and refusal to do his job are putting lives at risk every day. Americans deserve better.

You can watch my questions [HERE](#).

Finally, the Small Business Committee held an important hearing on how tax hikes hurt the competitiveness of small businesses. Unfortunately, Long Islanders know plenty about how detrimental high taxes are to local communities. Washington can't keep treating Long Islanders and our small businesses like its personal piggy bank.

You can watch my questions [HERE](#).

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## **MEETINGS**

Thank you to [Stony Brook University President, Dr. Maurie McInnis](#) for meeting with me this week. We had an excellent discussion about the University's priorities, the latest in higher education, recent federal research grants, her vision for the University, and what I can do to continue to support them. Go Seawolves!





Great to meet with the [Land Trust Alliance](#)! We had an excellent meeting and covered a range of conservation and environmental issues including the Peconic Land Trust, my amendment to block drilling off the coast of Long Island, Farm Bill conservation programs, and my bill to make Plum Island a national monument.



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## **ROCKY POINT MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

As a reminder, every Thursday my staff holds mobile office hours at the [VFW in Rocky Point from 1 pm to 5 pm](#). Walk-ins are more than welcome, but to ensure you can be seen, I encourage you to call ahead and make an appointment at 631-289-1097 or visit my website at [lalota.house.gov](http://lalota.house.gov).

To mail anything to my staff or me, please be sure to continue to use my [District Office in Huntington](#), at 478 A Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743.

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## **NEW DISTRICT OFFICE COMING MAY FIRST**

On May 1st, I will be opening my new district office in Hauppauge and closing the doors of my temporary office in Huntington. The new address will be 515 NY-111, Hauppauge, NY 11788. The telephone number will stay the same: 631-289-1097.

My team and I have been hard at work in Washington and Suffolk County and I look forward to our district staff having a permanent home, more towards the population center of the district, in Hauppauge. I appreciate the hospitality the Huntington community gave our team and me for our first few months in office.

No matter where my offices are located, I encourage any resident of New York's First District having issues with federal agencies to contact my office as soon as possible!

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Sincerely,



**Rep. Nick LaLota**  
**Member of Congress**

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